Trade of textile items with USA

3194. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that textile exports are still facing non-tariff barriers from USA though tariff regulation have been withdrawn as far as India in concerned; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for free trade of textile items with USA?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) The textile exports to USA are facing some Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) like labeling/marking requirements, compliance with labour and environmental standards, security parameters, verification of visas, etc. The issues of NTBs, tariff peaks, tariff escalations and high tariffs are being addressed through Non-Agricultural Market Access (NAMA) negotiations under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in respect of import of Textiles and apparels in the developed countries including USA.

Progress of textile industry

3195. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether textile industry is making progress or not;

(b) what is the role of handloom sector and powerloom sector;

(c) whether handloom sector is in a bad shape;

(d) if so, reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the remedial measures planned?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Indian Textile Industry is progressing well which is reflected in the significant growth of spindleage capacity, yarn production and output of cloth.

Items	1999-2000	2004-05	2005-06(anticipated)
Spindleage Capacity (No. in millions)	37.08	37.46	37.89

Items	1999-2000	2004-05	2005-06(anticipated)
Spun Yarn (mn. kg)	3046	3223	3411
Cotton Yarn (mn. kg.)	2204	2272	2434
Cloth Production (all sectors) (mn.sq.mtrs.)	39208	45355	47730

(b) The decentralized Powerloom and Handloom sectors play an important role in the textiles economy of the country, by significantly contributing to cloth production and employment generation. The details of cloth production are as under:

Sector	Cloth Production (2004-05) (mn.sq.mtrs.)
Powerloom	28325
Handloom	5722

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) the Government is implementing various schemes in handloom sector for promoting product diversification, providing marketing support and technological upgradation. Some of the important schemes being implemented in this regard are:

(i) Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojna.

(ii) Design Development and Training Centre.

(iii) Mahatma Gandhi Bunkar Bima Yojna.

(iv) Integrated Handloom cluster Development Scheme.

Revival of NTC mills in Gujarat

3196. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Textile Corporation (NTC) had decided to revive some NTC mills in the State of Gujarat following the rehabilitation scheme approved by the Board of Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) for textile mills;